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SUBJECT: CHATCHAI ON US MORALITY

1. UNDER HEADLINE "THAI AIDE CALLS US IMMORAL", WASH POST FRONT-PAGE LEAD STORY MAY 3 CITES "NEWS DISPATCHES" TO QUOTE FONMIN CHATCHAI AS STATING "...THE US DOES NOT HAVE ANY MORALS AT THIS POINT. THEY HAVE ALREADY PULLED OUT FROM CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, SO WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON OURSELVES."

2. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT FBIS 030311 CARRIES BANGKOK POST QUOTATION OF CHATCHAI, PRESUMABLY FROM SAME PRESS INTERVIEW, "THE US HAS LOST ITS OWN MORALE, HOW CAN IT GIVE US MORAL SUPPORT?" IN CLOSER CONTEXT, REUTER'S DISPATCH DATED MAY 2 QUOTES CHATCHAI AS SAYING OF US "THEY HAVE NO MORAL OBLIGATIONS TO US, HOW CAN THEY HAVE SINCE THEY HAVE PULLED OUT FROM INDOCHINA? WE HAVE TO RELY ON OURSELVES."

3. WE SUSPECT THERE IS SOME LANGUAGE CONFUSION AMONG
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MORALE, MORALS, AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFICATION AND COMMENTARY
SOONEST AS TO JUST WHAT CHATCHAI DID SAY. KISSINGER

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